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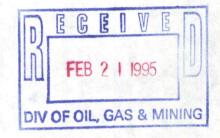
February 14, 1995

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Margaret Wyatt Pony Express Resource Area Manager United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Salt Lake District Office 2370 South 2300 West Salt Lake City, Utah 84119

RE: YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 20, 1995

Dear Ms. Wyatt:



As per your instructions, the following is submitted to complete our notification of intent to commence mining of high grade silica ore in Section 28 TIN R6W SLB & M. You asked that we provide the following additional information:

## NOTIFICATION THAT ALL OF OUR PROPOSED ACCESS ROUTES HAVE BEEN FLAGGED

We have flagged the planned access routes as well as the proposed mine site. The "planned haul road" is flagged with bright pink flags. An alternate route using existing roads is flagged in bright red, but we do not now plan to use this route. We believe the "planned haul road" is the best for all concerned. (See attached maps)

## WHAT IS THE TOTAL AREA PROPOSED FOR DISTURBANCE AND WHAT ARE THE DIMENSIONS

When we realized, you were requiring more detail than we were accustomed to providing, we decided to utilize a professional surveyor and do a more sophisticated presentation.

Originally we had flagged a mine area of about 2.70 acres with upper pit limits on the first water mark above the valley floor. When we decided to involve a surveyor, we set the pit limits on the second water line on the premise that this would constitute a mine with approximately a 20 year life with production of 75,000 to 100,000 tons of ore per year.

As you will note, the total disturbed acreage of the mine as drawn could exceed 5 acres over the 20 year period. However, we will not mine to the outer limits of the mine plan, and thus, we will not exceed 5 acres during the mine life, including the "planned haul road."

The most important point to be made is that during calendar year 1995 our area of disturbance will be approximately 3 acres, including the haul road. To detail exactly the dimensions of the first years disturbance is very difficult and cannot be exactly determined until actual mining begins. However, the first years' disturbances will not go beyond the first water line.

Once the 1995 years mining is completed, the largest amount of one year surface disturbance will have been completed. The subsequent years disturbance will be slight as we proceed to mine the steep ore body on the Bench System; ie, we will penetrate the mountain gradually.

We emphasize that our mine plan for the life of the mine will not exceed 5 acres of disturbance, and we will work closely with BLM, The State of Utah, and Tooele County regarding our progress. As we noted earlier, our current projection of mine life is approximately 20 years. This of course is a very long time projection, but is based on the latest available information. Essentially, we see this continuing to be a classical "Small Mine" operation with a long life.

# PREPARE A MAP SHOWING ACCESS ROUTE

The two enclosed maps shows considerable detail not only as to access road but the complete mine site.

### NOTE

The required statement on reclamation was sent under a separate cover on February 13, 1995.

#### FINAL COMMENT

As discussed with Cheryl Martinez on February 13, 1995, this material will be personally presented and explained in your BLM Office. McFarland and Hullinger has always worked cooperatively with the BLM and we understand the importance of sound mining practices.

It is our intention to begin site preparation and preliminary mining during the 1st or 2nd week in March. We anticipate production in 1995 to not exceed 60,000 tons.

If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

Sidney K. Hullinger General Partner

W/ Attachments

cc: Cheryl Martinez

